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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Stefan M. Pulst Group Art Unit: 1655 Serial No.: 08/981,998 Examiner: J. Enewold Filed: May 11, 1998

For:

NUCLEIC ACID ENCODING SPINOCEREBELLAR ATAXIA-2 AND

PRODUCTS RELATED THERETO

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

-- Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a U.S. National Stage application which claims priority to International Application No. PCT/US97/07725 (filed May 8, 1997), which is a continuation-inpart of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/727,084 (filed October 8, 1996), which further claims priority to provisional application Serial Nos. 60/017,388 (filed May 8, 1996) and 60/022,207 (filed July 19, 1996), all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

At page 1, line 18, please delete "Based" and insert -- based -- therefore.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-36 and 38-43 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claim:

37. (AMENDED) A method for identifying nucleic acids encoding a human